(c) The Corporate Plan 2010 of SAIL envisages an investment of Rs. 460 crores for modernization and expansion of ASP. The feasibility report for the modernization and expansion plan is under preparation.

Quality control of bottled water

†*438.SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of companies in the country producing and selling mineral water, State-wise;

(b) whether Government have appointed any regulator to control quality of bottled water;

(c) if so, whether any complaints have been received about bottling and selling of contaminated water by these companies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS) : (a) to (d) The standards of packaged drinking water and mineral water have been prescribed under Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955. To regulate the quality control of these products there is a mandatory provision that no person shall manufacture, sell or exhibit for sale packaged drinking water and/or mineral water except under BIS certification. BIS receives the applications for obtaining ISI Certification mark from the companies manufacturing and selling packaged drinking water and/or mineral water and monitors the quality of mineral water and packaged drinking water. The details of the companies manufacturing and selling mineral water, as obtained from Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), is at Statement-I. (*see* below)

The implementation of the PFA Act, 1954 and Rules, 1955 is carried out by the State/UT Governments, who take action in case of any violation of the PFA Rules. They have been advised to ensure regular sampling and testing of mineral water to ensure that quality standards are maintained. The details of action taken on complaints received by BIS is at Statement-II.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement-I

The number of companies (Licences) manufacturing and selling ISI marked packaged drinking water (PDW) as per IS 14543:2004 is given below State-wise

State	No. of Licences
Andhra Pradesh	347
Kerala and Pondicherry	32
Karnataka	111
Tamil Nadu	445
West Bengal and Sikkim	40
Orissa	16
Bihar and Jharkhand	21
Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Tripura, Manipur & Mizoram	16
Uttar Pradesh and Uttraranchal	45
Rajasthan	30
Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh	58
Delhi and Noida	60
Himachal Pradesh	4
Haryana, Punjab, J and K, Chandigarh	60
Gujarat	140
Maharashtra, Goa, Daman and Dadra Nagar Haveli	129
TOTAL:	1554

Statement-II

The details of action taken on complaints received by BIS

State	No. of Complaints
Andhra Pradesh	1
Kerala	1
U.P. and Uttaranchal	1
M.P.	3
Tamil Nadu	1
Haryana	1

All complaints are under various stages of investigation.

Unified National Market for Agriculture

*439. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is proposed to set up a unified National Market for Agriculture;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) to (c) There is no Government proposal to set up a unified National Market for Agriculture, as, under Entry No. 28 in the State List of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India, markets are a State Subject, and, accordingly markets for agricultural produce exist in varied forms in different States, under the regulation of the respective Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee (APMC) Acts.

However, the Multi-Commodity Exchange of India Limited(MCX), the Financial Technologies India Limited (FTIL) and the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED) have, as promoters, joined together to set up the National Spot Exchange Limited, registered under the Companies Act, 1956, to develop a common national